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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
GERD ALTMAYER ET AL. : PATENT  
Serial No.: 09/446,523 : Group Art Unit: 1723  
Filed: December 28, 1999 : Examiner: M. Ocampo  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for a one (1) month extension of time to extend the time for response to the Office Action up to October 24, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 which may become due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted,

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